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THREE MAUI RESIDENTS ORDERED TO VACATE ALLEGED DRUG HOUSE

HONOLULU-Attorney General Mark Bennett announced today that the Drug Nuisance Abatement Unit within his office filed its first nuisance abatement action in the Second Circuit Court on Maui. The complaint alleges that drugs have been distributed from the residence at 741-C Mill Street, Lahaina, Maui since the beginning of 2001. The action seeks a court order to prohibit three of the residents, Patrick Keaha Hall, Marlynn Bertha Hall, and Kirk Ilikea Padua, from residing at, or entering the residence. Once the individuals named in the suit are served with the complaint, they will be given twenty (20) days to respond to the allegations.

The State also filed an Ex Parte Petition for a Temporary Writ of Injunction, seeking to remove the three residents of 741-C Mill Street from the residence. The Honorable Judge Joseph E. Cardoza has signed an order temporarily ordering the three residents to vacate 741-C Mill Street and prohibiting them from entering or returning to the residence. The State will ask the Court to extend the prohibition at a hearing set for March 12, 2004.

A Special Agent from the Department of the Attorney General, along with Maui Police Department officers from the Vice Division and the Lahaina Community Policing Unit, served the complaint, on Patrick Keaha Hall and Marlynn Bertha Hall. They were required to vacate the house, pursuant to a court order, pending a hearing scheduled for March 12, 2004. The residence is located in the David Malo Circle public housing neighborhood.

At the same time, Maui Police Department officers placed Patrick Keaha Hall and Marlynn Bertha Hall under arrest based on grand jury arrest warrants. On March 5, 2004, the Grand Jury of the Second Circuit indicted Patrick Keaha Hall on nine criminal charges including two counts each of Attempted Promoting a Dangerous Drug in the First Degree, Promoting a Dangerous Drug in the Second Degree, and Promoting a Controlled Substance in, on, or near Schools, School Vehicles, or Public Parks. Marlynn Bertha Hall was indicted on two counts, Promoting a Dangerous Drug in the Third Degree and Prohibited Acts Related to Drug Paraphernalia.

The closing down of the alleged drug house was accomplished through the cooperation and efforts of the Maui Police Department Vice Division, the Lahaina Community Policing Unit, investigators from the Attorney General's office and the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney for Maui County.

A resident of the David Malo Circle neighborhood, in Lahaina, informed the Department of the Attorney General that the residence at 741-C Mill Street was a known "drug house." On September 10, 2003, illegal narcotics were found during the execution of a search warrant on the residence at 741-C Mill Street.

Hopefully, this Complaint for Abatement of Nuisance will bring some relief to the Lahaina community and its residents. The Department of the Attorney General is committed to working with the community and other law enforcement agencies to close down drug houses that are identified in the State of Hawaii.

Members of the public are encouraged to report their observations regarding suspected drug houses to their local police department. The public may also contact the Drug Nuisance Abatement Unit through the following hotline numbers:

808-586-1328 - O'ahu
800-9NO-METH (800-966-6384 - Neighbor Islands
Fax: 808-586-1371
Email: stopice@hawaii.gov

The public may also file a report with the Drug Nuisance Abatement Unit by logging on to www.hawaii.gov/ag/stop_ice_index.htm.

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